WITHDRAWAL ISSUE

Obregon Likely to Suggest It at Next Conference With-

out Pressing.

LIKELY THIS AFTERNOON

With War Minister for Work-

ing the Alvarado Mines.

EL PASO, Tex., May 5 .- Gen. Obre

danger of irritation to the Mexican

ome consequent conflict that might

erned, however, it is pointed out tha

there is not likely to be any change of

American officials expected that th

final conference over the co-operation

of the American and Mexican armies in

he running down of bandit group

would take place today in the immigra-tion station at the American end of the international bridge. From Juarez came the word, however, that Gen. Obregon would hardly be able to get ready for the meeting before Saturday.

May Beopen Alvarado Mines.

Gen. Obregon was considering a re

uest of the management of the Alvar

ido Mining Company of Parral for per

nission to arm its employes for protec

ion against bandits.

CONCLUDING SESSION

MAY BE REOPENED

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# GERMAN REPLY TO U. S. NOTE SAYS U-BOAT COMMANDERS ARE ORDERED TO WARN SHIPS

# Will Modify Submarine Warfare to Meet America's Ideas If England Will Modify the Blockade.

## ASSURANCES MAY BE ACCEPTED WITH BREAK TO FOLLOW VIOLATIONS

"Immunity for Merchant Ships Recognized by International Law" May Admit of Disagreement—First Feeling of Disappointment Leavened by Tone of Communication.

While final decision on the attitude of the American government waits on the official text, some cabinet members indicated that the German assurances contained in the note recorded today probably would be accepted and that diplomatic relations would not be broken unless the order to submarine commanders was violated and American lives endangered.

President Wilson and the cabinet went carefully over the note, as transmitted in news dispatches from Berlin, at the cabinet meet

A first feeling that it was unsatisfactory was somewhat leavened by the text of the new orders to submarine commanders, although it was foreseen that the reference to immunity for "merchant ships recognized by international law" might admit of some dispute of interpretation

So much depends upon words and their shades of meaning involved in translation from German to English that no decision can be attempted until the official text is in the President's hands.

clusive evidence of a purpose to use the armament for aggression is essential. Consequently an armament which a neutral government, seeking to perform its neutral duties, may presume to be intended for aggression, might, in

fact, on the high seas, be used solel, for protection.

substituting an arbitrary rule of pre-

hand, a belligerent warship can on the

high seas test by actual experience

the purpose of an armament on an

enemy merchant vessel and so de-

Summarizing the status of a mer

chant ship on the high seas the decla-

"The status of such vessel as a war-

communicated to all the powers.

ENVOY COMES TO CAPITAL.

Von Bernstorff Receives Copy of

### Started Note Last Night.

Ambassador Gerard cabled today that he had started it on the cables last night. It ought to be in Washington

circles. One was that Germany has declared her intention of abandoning he demanded by the President and that the American government ent will be effected.

The other was that the United States, aving aiready attempted to have reat Britain give up its interference ith neutral commerce and having told

### Created Unfavorable Impression.

While the general tone of the Ger man note created an unfavorable im pression, officials took the position that

only upon conclusive evidence of aggresmanders not to attack without warming "merchant vessels recognized by international law" was considered the chief point. The German view of merchant vessels as defined in its declaration of February 8 of its purpose to sink armed ships without warning and the American view as defined in the armed ship memorandum made public recently differ in several points.

Some officials believed that for this reason the controversy had now come to the point where Germany's future action would determine the course of the United States.

The refusal of the German government to openly admit the attack on the Sussex was considered only incidental to the main issue.

Until President Wilson himself de-

last night, saying he just had received persons who are on board a warship. the document from the Berlin foreign office and that he was at once coding It and starting it by cable.

The unofficial copy was laid before the cabinet. One chief point for con-sideration seemed to be Germany's ref-erence to the immunity of "merchant vessels recognized by international law."

This was regarded as having possi-bilities of relating to the dispute over questions of armament and alleged in-structions of the British admirally to merchant captains to attack subma-

The recent decinration of the State De- less telegraph, at his hotel here the chant snips touches upon this point. It sador denied himself to interviewers.

ship to determine the status of an station in his suite at the Ritz-Carlship to determine the status of an enemy en-airred merchant ressel of an enemy en-ton Hotel. His only companion was alred merchant ressel of an enemy en-his secretary. Dr. Fritz Eidler. The

oded, or lessened by a standard of dence which a belligerent may analyze as creating a presumption of hoscillaracter. On the other hand, to eguard himself from possible hability unwarranted destruction of life and operty, the belligerent should, in the scene of conclusive evidence, act on a presumption that an armed meringing its of possessible character.

# TO DISCUSS NOTE

CABINET REFUSES

When the cabinet meeting broke up Secretary Lansing met all inquiries with this reply: I cannot discuss it at all at this time.

All the other members of the cabinet made sim ilar statements. It was plain that President Wilson would decide after studying the official text.

Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign relations committee, would make no comment on the German government's reply to the United States in the submarine contro-

"I can say nothing at this time." said the sen-

# PRESIDENT'S VIEW **REMAINS IN DOUBT**

## Course Will Be Decided When He Gets Official Ger-

man Note.

Germany has again placed the Unite States in position where her promise as demanded by President Wilson

ficial circles today, despite the ugli-

dent insisted upon.

The whole thing resolves itself into the good faith of the German government, according to the opinons of the majority of those who read the newspaper text of the German answer totermine by direct evidence the status di

views. The first was that Germany's answer really declares that she has Germany's declaration that she has ship on the high seas must be determined abandoned her objectionable methods ship on the high seas must be determined abandoned her only upon conclusive evidence of aggression of submarine warfare, although attempting to exact that the United

sussex was considered only incidental to the main Issue.

Intil President Wilson himself decides whether the German note is acceptable, there will be no announcement of the attitude of the government.

General Impression Unfavorable.

The State Department's only official information on the German note just before 11 o'clock this morning was a dispatch from Ambassador Gerard, sent last night saying he just had received to the main Issue.

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It should, therefore, be considered as an armed public vessel and receive that treatment of a warship by an enemy and by neutrals. Any person taking passage on such a vessel cannot expect immunity other than that accorded persons who are on board a warship.

"A private vessel, engaged in seeking enemy naval craft, without such commission, or orders from its government, stands in a relation to the enemy similar to that of a civilian who fires upon the organized military forces of a belligerent, and is entitled to no more considerate treament."

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ENVOY COMES TO CAPITAL

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"The night was relatively calm on the rest of the Surcesses of Importance.

The Fresident will do. He did not have before him as he stoy of the answer. The press associates are the first evidence is presented of the cabinet and points in our advance trench.

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If her word is made to be broken, then the first evidence is presented of the services will have accomplished what he set out to accommission, or orders from its government at the close of the Meuse of the Meuse and in the close of the Meuse have repulsed.

"West of the Meuse, after bombard with the saving at the close of the Meuse have points at the cl

taking no action and expressing no opin-ion until the official answer is in front of him. Therefore his action is a matter for the future, inasmuch as the official

partment on the status of armed mer-

station in his suite at the ton Hotel. His only companion was his secretary. Dr. Fritz Eidler. The ambassador refused to discuss the note while it was in process of transmission. It is known however, that the German remains the most of the most unsatisfactory part of the alleged declaration that there has been effected a change in submarine mthods is the intimation that the promises held out are conditional entirely on steps to be taken by this country to "demand and institute the entering commerce with visit and be search. The embassy view is that inself of the question of armament it is not a complicating feature.

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Teutons Enter Several French Positions Southeast of Haucourt.

PARIS CLAIMS GENERAL REPULSE FOR ENEMY

Admits Teutons Have Gained Footing at Some Points-Reports

LONDON, May 5 .- The capture of several French trenches southeast of Haucourt on the Verdun front was announced today by the war office. Repeated French attacks against a German position west of Dead Man hill

vesterday evening strongly attacked the French positions north of hill 304, says the official statement issued this afternoon by the French war office, but they were repulsed along the whole "South of the Somme a coup de main attempted by the enemy on our

trenches in the region of Cappy was completely checked.

torops, by a skillfully prepared and brilliantly executed operation, have thrown back the Germans on the northwest side of Dead Man hill beyond the line held at the beginning of March. The enemy has thus lost by a single stroke his gains painfully made by two months of continuous costly attacks. months of continuous, costly attacks.

Dead Man bill has twin summits, known respectively as hills Nos. 265 and 295. On the first of these the Germans had effected a footing, but now with Germany by demanding certain shad effected a footing, but now have been completely cleared from hings of great Britain in return, Berlin will be greatly disappointed.

The President has consistently held that of the Germans, surprised by the suddenness of the French attack, were adderned himself to interviewers. The ambassador received the note by telegraph from the Sayville wireless to determine the status of an edi merchant vessel of an enemy entered on the high seas since the set of life and property of helliger-and neutrals on board the vessel of either and property of helliger-and neutrals on board the vessel of either and property of helliger-and neutrals on board the vessel of either and property of helliger-and neutrals on board the vessel of either and property of helliger-and neutrals on board the vessel of either and property of helliger-and neutrals on board the vessel of either and property of helliger-and neutrals on board the vessel of either and property of helliger-and neutrals on board the vessel of either and property of helliger-and neutrals on board the vessel of either and property of helliger-and neutrals on board the vessel of either and property of helliger-and neutrals on board the vessel of either and property of helliger-and neutrals on board the vessel of either and property of helliger-and neutrals on board the vessel of either and property of helliger-and neutrals on board the vessel of either and property of helliger-and neutrals on board the vessel of either and property of helliger-and neutrals on board the vessel of either and property of helliger-and neutrals on board the vessel of either and neutrals on the president has consistently held that demanding certain hings of Great Britain in return, Berlin lines to completely disappointed.

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# He Makes New Faces for Soldiers Disfigured in War

A British sculptor has discovered how to give new features to men whose faces have been mutilated in battle; wearing his masks, they are able to return to their old employments. Read this article in The Sunday Star.

## TWO ZEPPELINS SHOT DOWN: NORWEGIANS BLOW UP THE L-20

One Airship Brought Down Off the Schleswig Coast and Another at Saloniki During Raid.

LONDON, May 5 .- Germans have lost; crew of thirty on the airship escaped wo more Zeppelin airships, according

stroyed yesterday by one of the Brit- wegian coast on Wednesday after resh light cruiser squadrons off the curning from a raid on the east coast Schleswig coast

Schleswig coast.

A Zeppelin raided Saloniki during the early hours of this morning, according to a Reuter dispatch from that city. The fired upon the airship from a distance

airship was subjected to a heavy fire of sixty yards. The Zeppelin exploded and was destroyed. Only one of the with a great detonation and was burned.

### SAYS MR. ROOT IS WILLING.

### John W. Dwight Announces Former Senator in Presidential Race.

NEW YORK, May 5.-Formal an ouncement that Elihu Root has sanc- the direction of the state conservation tioned the campaign which is being conducted in his behalf for the repub- Island, at the eastern end of Long islican presidential nomination was land, a remarkable drive or round up made here today by former Represent- of 150 or 200 deer on the 6,000-acre ative John W. Dwight, who is in charge Nichols estate. of the Root headquarters in this city The statement was issued as a denial the of reports that Mr. Root was not a candidate for the nomination.

"The opening of these headquarters meets with the approval of Mr. Root. headquarters and not local. Their sole purpose is to bring about the nomina-

### FOR USE OF NAVAL MILITIA Group of New Yorkers to Buy Arm-

ored Hydroaeroplane. NEW YORK, May 5 .- A group of pri vate citizens here, including Vincent Astor, has donated \$8,000, it is announced, for the purchase of an armor

Assistant Secretary of the Nav-Franklin D. Roosevelt, is said to have approved a plan for acquiring hydro-aeroplanes for the naval militia by popular subscription.

### THE FLY IS YOUR ENEMY

They are almost wholly pre-

They are easily excluded from They spread communicable dis-eases that cause many deaths.

They occupy no place in the How long shall they be suffer-ed to carry death to people?

Washington, D. C.

Write today for a free booklet, which gives complete and official information on how to fight the fly. Inclose a two-cent stamp and address The Senate today rejected the conference report on the Indian appropriation bill at the request of Chairman Ashursi THE EVENING STAR INFORof the Indian committee, after he had MATION BUREAU, called down a fire of rebuke on the fu-terior Department from both democratic and republican senators.

200 Animals on Nichols Estate.

JAPANESE LINER WARNED.

Sado Told by Wireless to Withhold

Identity if Called.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 5.-Passen

steamer Sado Maru, which has arrived

gers of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha

here from Japanese ports after a quick

voyage, reported today that the Sado picked up the following wireless mes-

"If you are called do not disclos

The message was supposed to have

been sent by a Japanese steamer. The

assengers say the lights were not turned on at night and the ship speed-

Capt. K. Asakawa of the Sado denied

having received any wireless message of the sort mentioned.

Mrs. Roosevelt Abandons Trip.

HAVANA, May 5 .- Mrs. Theodore

Roosevelt sailed yesterday for New

York on the steamer Mexico, having

abandoned her proposed voyage to Pan-

ama, whither she was going to mee

her son Kermit and his wife and child

who was ill. A cable dispatch received

here said the condition of the child had

Conference Report Rejected.

improved, making unnecessary Roosevelt's voyage to Panama.

ed during the remainder of the voyage

sage last Sunday:

your identity."

### Scott and Obregon Near End of Their Conferences, **President Promises Facts**

entatives of the United States and the dexican de facto government, ready to would reach a final agreement on the illitary expedition into México.

Gen. Scott, at El Paso, had the ratification by President Wilson and Secretary Baker of the tentative agreement arranged Tuesday at the conference with Gen. Obregon, Carranza minister of war. That was telegraphed him yesterday by Secretary Baker.

The two generals were expected to meet again at El Paso today and complete the agreement. Details then will be made public.

President Wilson last night issued this statement on the subject:

"I have examined, with the Secretary of War, the report made by Gen. Hugh L. Scott of the conference between him and Gen. Obregon, secretary of war of the republic of Mexico.

"The report includes a tentative DEER DRIVE ON LONG ISLAND. Game Wardens Rounding Up Some

NEW YORK, May 5 .- More than a core of game wardens, acting under commissioner, today began, on Shelter

Nichols estate.

The deer have been running wild in the woods and have made so many raids on the gardens that farmers appealed to the state authorities to stop their depredations.

The wardens erected a line of posts across the neck of a point at the southern end of the island, with the intention of nailing wires to the posts once the deer were driven upon the point. The wardens stationed themselves in line about four miles away from this to prevent misunderstanding and strengthens the cordial relations of the two republics."

Carranza's Approval Expected.

Although no official information has reached Washington that Gen. Carranza has ratified the plan for co-operation, his attitude is indicated, it was thought, by the report that Gen. Obregon is ready to meet Gen. Scott. It is understood to meet Gen. Scott. It is understood the agreement provides for gradual with-drawal of American forces to the border on condition that Carranza troops prose cute the chase of bandits and police the

Unofficial reports said the American troops would be limited to a zone some distance north of Colories

can cities.

The Pacific Mail Steamship Company today notified the State Department

### DAY IN CONGRESS.

Adopted conference report on In dian appropriation bill. Resumed debate on bill for fed-

Houses Met at noon.

Resumed debate on Porto Rican

### DISTRICT IN CONGRESS.

Members of the Bar Association asked for a recodification of the laws of the District of Columbia at a hearing before the House ju-

# FOUR MORE REBELS **COURT-MARTIALED**

AND PUT TO DEATH

ONE CENT.

Plunkett, Daly, O'Hanrahan and W. Pearse Pay Extreme Penalty for Dublin Uprising.

### DECREE OF EXECUTION American Interests Are Negotiating FOR 16 IS COMMUTED

Fifteen Get Ten Years' Penal Servitude and One of Them Eight.

TWO OTHERS ARE SENTENCED

Sir Roger Casement Will Be Charged, Under Ordinary Law, With Crime of High

DUBLIN, May 5 .- Four more rebel prisoners were sentenced to death by court-martial and shot Thursday morning. This was announced officially. The men were Joseph Plunkett, Edward Dalv. Michael O'Hanrahan and William

Fifteen other rebels were sentenced to death, the official statement adds, but later their sentences were commuted to ten vears' penal servitude. The death sentence of another prisoner was commuted to eight years' penal servitude. Two rebels were sentenced to ten years in prison.

Representatives of that company and the Mexican Northern Power Company were reported at Gen. Obregon's head-quarters to have begun negotiations for resumption of work at their properties. It was estimated that the mines now unworked in that district would, if reopened, support 12,000 people, now dependent almost entirely on the government. The execution of Patrick H. Pearse, Thomas MacDonagh and Thomas J. Clark, the first leaders of the rebellion to be killed, took place in Dublin Castle. James Connolly, who was wounded, cannot yet be placed on trial.

## Official Statement.

The following official communication was issued Thursday afternoon Edward Daly, Michael O'Hanrahan and death and shot this morning, after the

sentence had been confirmed by the "Fifteen others sentenced to

John Doherty, J. J. Walsh. James Mc-Linn, J. J. Reid and John Williams. "Another prisoner, John McGarry, was commuted from death to eight years. "Two others, Francis Fahey and Richard Dayys, were sentenced to ten vears."
LONDON, May 5.—It has been learn-

agreement, covering the future opera-tions of both the American and Mexi-can military forces, and evidences cor-dial co-operation between the two gov-ernments in their common purpose.

Casement, who will in the ordinary time be charged under the ordinary law with the crime of high treason. Sir Roger was arrested in Ireland be-fore the proclamation of martial law there, and although he is at present dial co-operation between the two governments in their common purpose.

"As this agreement is being submitted to the de facto government of Mexico, it would not be proper for me to permit its publication until that government has had an opportunity to examine and consider its provisions.

"The full text of the proposed agreement will be given out immediately upon its acceptance by both governments.

"In general I may say that it provides a basis of co-operation which promises to prevent misunderstanding and strengthens the cordial relations of the two republics."

Carranza's Approval Expected.

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ure was threatened with a nervous

### Will Ask Disarmament. The Irish nationalist members of the

house of commons will ask the government to secure the complete disarmament of Ireland. The nationalist volunteers are willing to hand in their troops would be limited to a zone some distance north of Colonia Dublan, the present base. United States soldiers also will avoid passing through Mexistry of the state of the serious is shown by letters from the Bishop of Dublin, published in this morning's papers, in which he writes:
"Martial law should not be too quickly withdrawn from Dublin. The danger, which has been much greater than
the government will admit, is by no
means past. Many armed rebels still
are at large in Dublin and the danger
of another uprising can only be averted
by the most strict measures. This is
not the time for amnesties or pardons.
It is a time for swift, stern nunish-It is a time for swift, stern punish-

### King George Praises Men.

King George has sent the following dispatch to Lieut. Gen. Sir John Maxwell, military commander of the forces

in Ireland: break has finally been quelled. I wish to express to my gallant troops in Ire-land, to the royal Irish constabulary and to the Dublin metropolitan police my deep sense of their whole-hearted devotion to duty and the spirit of self-sacrifice with which they acted throughout."

### Enniscorthy Uprising.

The story of the uprising in Ennisorthy is similar to that in Dublin, but t was carried out on a smaller scale. At 2 o'clock Thursday morning 200 Sinn Feiners seized the Athenaeum, one of the principal buildings of the town, and converted it into a headquarters for the insurgent staff, while other forces guarded and patrolled all the thoroughfares. At 6 o'clock ammunition was served out to the rabel recruits and the republican flag was

Naval committee recommended assage of bill to create United

diclary committee today Representative Gallivan of sachusetts introduced a b quiring all building walls twelve inches in thickness.